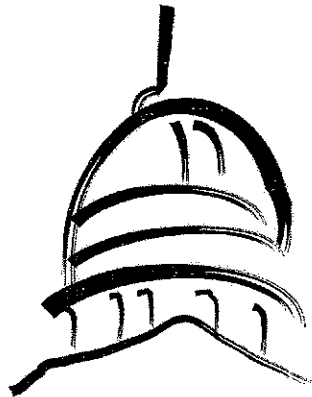


COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF BUDGET PROVISIONS

Enacted as 2003 Act 33



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INTRODUCTION

This document, prepared by Wisconsin's Legislative Fiscal Bureau, is the final edition of the cumulative summary of executive and legislative action on the 2003-05 Wisconsin state biennial budget. The budget was enacted into law as 2003 Wisconsin Act 33 on July 24, 2003. This document describes each of the provisions of Act 33 (hereafter referred to as "the budget"), including all fiscal and policy modifications recommended by the Governor, Joint Committee on Finance and Legislature.

The document is organized into five basic sections, the first of which contains a Table of Contents, History of the 2003-05 Budget, Brief Chronology of the 2003-05 Budget, Key to Abbreviations, User's Guide, and a listing of the 2003-05 Biennial Budget Issue Papers prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

This is followed by an "overview" section which provides a series of summary tables and charts which display 2003-05 revenues, appropriations, and authorized position levels. Information is presented for all fund sources, the general fund, transportation fund, and the state's lottery program.

The next section contains budget and policy summaries for each state agency and program. The agencies appear in alphabetical order. For each agency, comparative tables are presented which depict funding and authorized position levels. This is followed by a narrative description and fiscal effect, if any, of each budget change item. In this section, the author of each change is identified.

The fourth section of the document lists the various reports and studies which are required in 2003 Act 33.

The final section provides a description of the non-fiscal, policy items contained within the Governor's original budget recommendations. These items were not considered as a part of budget deliberations by the Joint Committee on Finance.